

Abstract

A prepackaged mounting assembly for securing an electrical fixture, such as a ceiling fan, light fixture, or similar device to an overhead support. The prepackaged mounting assembly includes an electrical junction box having a top wall, a downward
5 extending peripheral side wall, and an open bottom. Openings are provided within the electrical junction box for temporary storage of load bearing fasteners. An initial fastener is provided in the top wall for initially securing the assembly to the overhead support thus freeing the installer's hands for subsequent installation steps. The load bearing fasteners are then removed from their temporary storage locations and the connection member of
10 an electrical fixture is aligned below the electrical junction box. The fixture may then be secured to the overhead support by threading the load bearing fasteners through the top of the electrical fixture and into the overhead support. The design of the prepackaged mounting assembly insures that no part of the load bearing fasteners contact the electrical junction box, and therefore the entire load of the suspended fixture is supported entirely
15 by the load bearing fasteners and the overhead support and not the electrical junction box. The junction box is constructed of metal to allow establishment of electrical continuity between the box and any electrical raceways or conduit that it is connected to.